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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS** 

In re Application of

Fukuhara et al.

Application No. 10/615,228

Filed: July 9, 2003

Atty Docket: 3180.0327

**DECISION GRANTING PETITION** 

This decision is in response to applicants' "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER TO 37 CFR § 1.705(b)" timely filed on November 29, 2006 requesting that the Office adjust the PTA from zero (0) days to a determination of six hundred and one (601) at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance.

Applicants' application for PTA is **GRANTED-in part.** The Office will make an adjustment to the PTA determination from a determination of zero days to a determination of 468 days.

Applicants request that the Office erred in asserting that the response to the restriction requirement was not received in the Office until June 2, 2006.. Applicants assert that the actual response date to the restriction requirement occurred on May 12, 2005. Accordingly, applicants assert that the three hundred and twenty-five day reduction by the USPTO is in error. Applicants further assert that the Office further delayed in responding to the May 12, 2005 reply to the restriction requirement until October 3, 2006. Accordingly, applicants assert that the Office missed the requirements of 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2) by a period of 386 additional days. Therefore, applicants assert that the total amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 601 days (215 + 386=601). Applicants do not find that there any applicant delays.

Applicants arguments are persuasive to the extent herein determined. A review of the records reveal that Applicant did in fact respond to the restriction requirement within three months. See MPEP 503 which states that postcard stamp which is prima facie proof of date of submission. Accordingly, the 325 day delay by applicant is in error in that the Office entered June 2, 2006 as the reply date rather than the actual date of May 12, 2005. Furthermore, the office erred by failing to provide additional time under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2) because the Office did not reply to the May 12, 2005 election until October 2,2006. The delay amounted to 386 days as suggested by applicants. However, the USPTO does find that applicants failed to engage under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) in that applicant submitted a supplemental "paper" (i.e., the IDS submission of September 22, 2005). Accordingly, the amount of delay under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8) is 133 days.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Issue fee paid on 11/29/2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Delay began on May 13, 2005 and ended on September 22, 2005.

The Office notes that the IDS submission of September 22, 2005 did not include a 1.704(d) waiver to obviate the reduction under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8). Accordingly, the correct amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 468 days.

After the mailing of this decision, the Office will forward this application to the Office of Patent Publications for a prompt issuance of the application. Any delays pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) or 1.702(b) will be included in the issue notification letter determination that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to the issue date.

The Office has assessed the \$200.00 fee associated with this application. No additional fees are required by applicant.

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to Kery A. Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7757.

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/615228								
Application Filing Date: 07/09/200	3 PTO Delay (PTO):	216						
Issue Date of Patent:	Three Years:	0						
Pre-Issue Petitions: 0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	325						
Post-Issue Petitions: 0	Total PTA (days):	468						
PTO Delay Adjustment: 577								

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25	07/09/2003	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONSIDERED						

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20	04/08/2005	CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE		
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4	09/25/2003	CASE CLASSIFIED BY L&R		
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